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Member Peter C. Schaumber departs NLRB as second term expires

Nominated by President George W. Bush, Member Peter C. Schaumber leaves office today after having served two terms. After his first confirmation by the United States Senate, he took his seat on the Board in December 2002. He was named the Board's Chairman in April 2008, a position he held until January 20, 2009.

Reflecting on his service Board Member Schaumber said:

"It has been a privilege and an honor. I want to thank the Board members with whom I have had the pleasure of serving, my Board staff, particularly my Chief Counsel, Terence Flynn, and my Deputy Chief Counsel, Robert Kane, and all the many distinguished professionals both Board-side and General Counsel-side who demonstrate day-in and day-out their commitment to public service and the implementation and enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act.

It was my good fortune to have served, during the 27-month period in which the Board operated with only two members, with my esteemed colleague Wilma Liebman. Our shared commitment to collaboration and the Agency's mission enabled us to process scores of cases to resolution, despite our ideological differences. While the Supreme Court ultimately determined that a three-member quorum is necessary to issue decisions, Chairman Liebman and I set a tone for collegiality and dedication to case processing that I hope will carry forward to future Boards."

At the agency's farewell ceremonies for Member Schaumber, Chairman Liebman referred to his chairmanship as "his finest hour."

As to his plans for the immediate future, Member Schaumber said, "I look forward to taking time off to spend with family, then returning to work in traditional labor law, government affairs and the legislative arena."

A native of New York, Mr. Schaumber graduated from Georgetown University in 1964 and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1968. Immediately prior to his appointment as a member of the Board, Member Schaumber served as a labor arbitrator.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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